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CONCLUSION OF THE WAR.

Shannon and the Border Ruffians Collapsed.

TREATY OF THE LAWRENCE MEN WITH SHANNON.

ALL OVER FOR THE PRESENT.

Reports from Our Special Correspondent.

ADVENTURE WITH "BORDER RUFFIANS."

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LAWRENCE, K. T., Thursday, Dec. 6, 1855.

I left Lawrence last Monday forenoon, and took my way down to the Waukarsa to the camp of the invaders. I did not get down on Sunday, but on Monday came up to the camp. I did not get down on Sunday, but on Monday came up to the camp. I did not get down on Sunday, but on Monday came up to the camp.

Passing through Franklin, I observed that there was now no regular camp in the village, but there were some fifty or sixty idlers from the camp below, drinking and loitering around the place for lack of something better, or worse, to do.

After two days of work, I reached the house of Mr. Cox, which was found to be a comfortable one. I found that the house was a comfortable one. I found that the house was a comfortable one. I found that the house was a comfortable one.

It is not surprising that the conversation immediately turned upon the events that were occurring. He spoke with a good deal of vindictive feeling, and when I urged the danger of precipitating hostilities, and told him that it was a question of immense moment to the whole country, and might even jeopardize the safety of the Union.

"D—n the Union," he said. "We have gone in for peace long enough. We have got to fight some time or other, and may as well do it now. We have got the law and the authorities on our side, and we will take them down."

"But consider," I urged, "it will not end here. Even granting you can defeat the men in Lawrence, they will be back again. You will have to fight them over and over again. You will have to fight them over and over again."

"Look, stranger," said he, "you speak too freely. I know it may all end that way; but it has got to come. Look at these outrages—houses burned and property destroyed; the laws set at defiance, and men who are arrested for crime taken from the officers of justice."

"And yet," I answered, "there is no more orderly law-abiding people than those of Lawrence. I have been there, and have heard the statements of all the respectable men by parties cognate to the law. I have seen the people of Lawrence, and they are a law-abiding people. They are a law-abiding people."

"Are you not in favor of enforcing the law?" I asked. "Are you not a law and order loving man? They have been the laws, and there must be force to compel them."

"I am a law and order, Union-loving man, I have been to the extent of enforcing the law. I have been to the extent of enforcing the law. I have been to the extent of enforcing the law."

"It is no use talking; these laws have got to be enforced, and we have got to fight. We have 700 men in the camp down there, (a falsehood, by the way), there is a large reinforcement coming on, that will arrive to-night or to-morrow, and the whole country will be in a state of rebellion."

"But you cannot expect compliance with those regulations. Those men are not in Lawrence. The guns they will not give up, especially when they are menaced."

"Well, I cannot hope and pray for your success."

"What?" and his eyes lightened up more fiercely. "do you mean that you will hope and pray for the other side?" and he spoke he lifted his rifle a little on his arm; it might have been merely for a change of position—it might have been a menace. I, merely by chance, bowed the lower button of my overcoat, inside of which were my revolver, and changing the subject, I pointed to the plain we were traversing, and said:

"This is a very rich bottom—it would make a fine meadow, or would it not suit for the production of hemp? I am not much acquainted with its culture."

He did not respond to my remarks very cheerfully, but understood me. I had told him I was an Illinoisian, and an editor, and traveling over the country. He cautioned me as a friend against speaking so freely when I went below, as there were many fellows who would trouble me. I thanked him. As we approached the camp he said he was going there, but as I could not, he would see me over the creek. There was a guard there; I asked why, and the necessity of placing restrictions on travelers. He said they were not under the Governor's orders, that they could let no one pass without examining him, and that he would go to the fort with me, and see us over. As we approached the creek, I observed some half a dozen armed men running and searching a couple of wagons loaded with merchandise, and saw them stop and take the arms from a foot passenger. The bed of the Waukarsa is nearly dry at the ford, and very wide. At the opposite side from Lawrence, the road goes through a narrow cut in the bank, and here the sentries were posted, armed with long rifles and revolvers. As I had no intention of giving up my arm, and saw that was part of the ceremony, I merely waited until Jones said:

"This man is traveling—going down below—let him go through."

"I was riding on when the person in charge of the guard said:

"Stop, we must examine you; our orders are positive—come back, Sir."

I did not return, but relying on my pony, and

looked round at him. They approached me, and two of the outthrust-looking villains were just about to put their hands on my overcoat to feel for arms, when not approving of such familiarity, I struck my pony with my heel, and trotted out from them.

"Stop! stop!" cried the entry in a confused, advancing toward me and putting his revolver; "stop! stop!" cried the other natives lowering their rifles, and I saw the outthrust-looking villain back with a look of alarm. "Stop! for God's sake, stop!" cried Jones, riding up, and I halted.

"You must give up your arms."

"I am traveling, I may need them—I do not want to lose my property."

"I will guarantee its safety," said Jones. "I have an excellent six-shooter in my belt, and a small four-barreled French revolver in my pocket. I took out the latter and handed it to Jones, saying, 'I could hold him responsible for it.'

"You must go back to camp," was the next demand.

"Not knowing but that there might be some persons there who would know my connection with the Tribune, I returned to the proposal, not wishing it exactly a wholesale one, as there were such characters, especially as I was to be taken back to undergo an examination. They were as imperative in this demand as in the other. My first determination was to resist it, but reflecting that this would be the only chance to get into camp now, I turned my horse around, trotted across the creek again, and rode down into camp, Jones by my side, and all favored looking around behind us.

The camp had received considerable additions since I last seen it. Wagons and carriages were scattered here and there in all directions. I saw several curly-looking tents, and the smoke of the campfires curled up among the oaks and elms; around these the idle adventurers were lying in groups, many of them evidently in liquor. There were two or three banners flying with different devices, but the large flag with the Lone Star on it was over the center of the camp, being the symbol of the great, secret blue badge of Western Missouri, of which Atchison and Strickland were the leaders, and these fierce, half-civilized men the disciples.

A crowd gathered round me. The Captain of the guard came forward, and said of the fellows came upon my presence and the fact of my having been there often enough before. I also learned that they had a man confined in the camp, and concluded from their remarks that my chance of keeping him company was very fair. However, after some detention I succeeded in getting away, Jones returning my little French revolver, and another escort seeing me over the creek. Even then the sentries were very unwilling I should pass, and were for again questioning me, but I rode on.

Indignant at the detention, and having been told by the guards who I belonged to, and that they were not to be molested, I rode on. I rode on. I rode on.

I found that the Governor had been a good deal in the hands of the law-abiding men, and that he was weak and vacillating. I intended to make a representation of the facts to him, and urge him to order the enforcement of the law. I intended to make a representation of the facts to him, and urge him to order the enforcement of the law.

It was thirty-five long and weary miles off, and it was now noon; but I started at a brisk trot, walking up all the steep hills to rest my pony. The road was thronged with teams of invading "Border Ruffians," and during the afternoon I saw several of the invaders, and during the afternoon I saw several of the invaders, and during the afternoon I saw several of the invaders.

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ing passed one on either side, retaining in their horses about eight yards ahead. They whispered together, and I saw one of them pass something, which I took for a pistol in the dark, and then they dropped back a few rods. I heard the rest of the party coming up behind.

"Do you see a man going along the road?" asked one of them.

"No."

"Well, there was a man rode down this way, and if you have not seen him we will hold you responsible."

"That is rather singular."

"You must go back with us."

"I believe so—my horse is tired, and I am going on to Kansas."

"That is nothing; we arrest you."

"Have you a warrant? I am a free man, and I am not a criminal."

"No warrant, but we arrest you for a crime committed here, and what do you want me for? Has any one been stealing a horse?"

"No, not for that," said one of them.

"Well, I allow no man to take me without a warrant."

"We have authority for what we do."

"What is your authority?"

"The Governor."

"What Governor?"

"Gov. Shannon."

"You forget, gentlemen, that we are in Missouri."

This seemed rather to surprise them, but they continued:

"You must go back."

"No, not for that."

"We will take you."

"Very good."

Here the party came to a halt. My horse was so tired that he stopped too and would not budge, and there I was in the midst of these accursed fellows. As they were figuring their weapons, I also had my hand on mine; but I was very loth to shoot, for I knew that the chance of getting justice in a court in Western Missouri against a band of the secret order of the L. N. Star was desperate. They looked at me and I looked at them, and there was one of those distressing pauses which are liable to occur when some one of a dozen men is expected to assume the responsibility. They then undertook to persuade me to go back, but did not succeed.

"Do you know Gen. Pomeroy?" asked one.

"No, not personally; I have heard of him."

"Are you not carrying dispatches from Lawrence to him?"

"No," I replied; "I am traveling on the highway in my own business, and do not want to be molested."

"I think that I would not go back, they urged me to withdraw to a house not far off, and wait until the rest of the company came up, when they said, 'I will all go to Kansas together, and if we find "all right," I will go my way. Fearing that the scoundrels would forcibly seize me, and that the affair would end in bloodshed, and having a promise on their honor, that I should not be molested in the house to which we were going, I went with them. The expected reinforcement did not come up, however. I learned subsequently that their intention was to go to the American Hotel and take out Pomeroy and Lynch him; but as they had expected fifty men to take a hand in it, and as they were only about fifteen, they did not attempt it. As I stood in front of the fire warming myself, and wondering what they were going to do with me, I heard them talk freely about what they had already been doing and intended to do. They spoke of the capture of Judge Johnson with all and were unanimous in deciding that he must be lynched before he got away from them. (I have been happy to learn, however, since I returned to Lawrence, that he has escaped from them with impunity.) They also spoke of lynching Pomeroy, and expressed a fear that he would get out of the Territory before they could catch him. The majority were for hanging him at once, but one more conservative than the rest said he "did not approve of that sort of thing."

He thought he ought to be only tried and sentenced, after a good hearing, and then sent to the river. Another of the party suggested that he should be rubbed with oil and carefully blackened, so that the color would not come off, and then be set adrift on the river. These moderate sentiments appeared to be overruled—the majority declaring that he must be hanged. I was told that the American Hotel should be burned down.

But I cannot detail all the incidents of that eventful night. They bitterly assailed everything they hated, and they hated everything that was opposed to Slavery extension. Among the rest they included the Tribune in their imprecations—little thinking of the bird they had caught. I was subjected to the indignity of an examination for dispatches, which I was supposed to have, and had only to remedy (which I was not inclined to apply) the indignity of the examination. The search was instituted with the head. The search was instituted with the head. The search was instituted with the head.

One of these, a leader among them, was a brother of the Old Fellow, whom I had recognized and appealed to, and who assured me that this was the only way to save me from being seized and violently searched by the whole crowd. The search was somewhat superficial, and conducted with apologies, but sufficient even then to make me burn with anger, and feel a hearty contempt for the public sentiment and the officers of the law in Western Missouri, who knew the existence of these things and yet tolerated them. I was detained until the next morning, and would not then have escaped from them so easily, but for the intervention of the brother who had interested himself on my behalf; and yet they had found nothing about me that justified the detention, even by their own showing.

When I left, the Old Fellow gave me his hand, and, asking my pardon, said:

"Don't think hard of me, brother. I have done all I could. You were in danger, and I had two duties to perform. I am a member of another Order, and am bound to act and dare not refuse to do it. I am a member of another Order, and am bound to act and dare not refuse to do it."

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